

And that which I feel first to express is, a care for those who are in circumstances, which appear difficult, with respect to supporting their families in a way answerable to pure wisdom, that they may not be discouraged, but remember that in humbly obeying the leading of Christ, he owneth us as his friends, "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you;" and to be a friend to Christ, is to be united to him, who hath all power in heaven and in earth; and tho' a woman may forget her sucking child, yet will he not forget his faithful ones.

The condition of many who dwell in cities hath often affected me with a brotherly sympathy, attended with a desire that resignation may be laboured for; and where the holy leader directeth to a country life or some change of employ, he may be faithfully followed; for under the refining hand of the Lord I have seen, that the inhabitants of some cities are greatly increased through some branches of business which his holy spirit doth not lead into, and that being entangled in these things, tends to bring a cloud over the minds of people convinced of the leadings of this holy leader, and obstructs the coming of the kingdom of Christ on earth as it is in heaven.

Now if we indulge a desire to imitate our neighbours in those things which harmonise not with the true christian walking, these entanglements may hold fast to us, and some,